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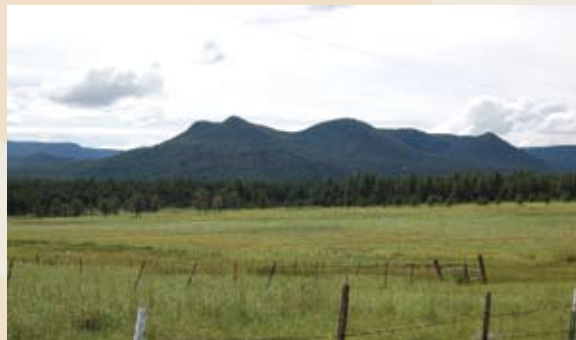
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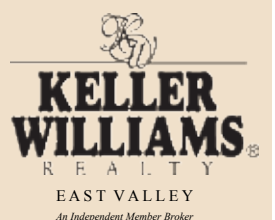
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COVER Story

Young Single Adult Wards offer opportunities for Service & Spirituality



Photo by Cecily Markland

Young single adults (Left to right) Rachel Bitner, Kyleigh Nelson, Ben Ayala, Jana Mecham, and Dallas Sommers, leave the meetinghouse after participating in the Sunday block of meetings for the University 5th Ward, one of eight young single adult wards that make up the Tempe University Stake.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Spiritual growth, service opportunities and a place to find friends and fun are the things young adults are seeking—and finding—in Young Single Adult Wards across Arizona.

In 35 different wards in the Phoenix area, eight of which make up the Tempe University Stake, “college age” singles between 18 and 30 meet together to

worship and to learn how to put the gospel of Jesus Christ into practice in their lives.

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Nicole Passage, a member of the University 1st Ward in the University Stake, shares, “Being a member of a singles ward has been a tremendous experience in many respects, both in terms of the friendships that I have

John Hartman, a member of the Tempe University Stake's 6th Ward,

— Rachel Jamieson



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John grew up in Arizona, attended Ricks College, then got his master's degree at BYU. He moved back to Arizona in large part because of the singles wards and the available opportunities for Church members his age.

Specifically, he says, "There are a lot of older singles in the stake, quite a few in their higher 20's. There's a large population of 26- to 32-year-olds."

At the same time, other young single adult wards may have more members in the early 20's; and, singles wards that are part of family stakes may have a large percentage who grew up in the area.

Braden Michaud, a member of the University Ward in the Mesa Central Stake, shied away from attending a singles ward for about 15 months after returning from his mission.

"But, I wanted to meet more people and grow more," he says, adding that since joining a singles ward, "It has been awesome. I love it."

Braden shares, "It's a great place for peers to interact socially and a great place to grow with others in the same age group." He adds, "Being in a singles ward helps me gain friends, helps my testimony grow and lets me learn leadership."



Photo courtesy of Rachel Jamieson

Each of the 35 young single adult wards in the Valley holds weekly family home evenings, such as the one pictured here, held at the home of one of the bishopric members of the University Ward of the Mesa Central Stake.

As Elders' Quorum President Braden says he has learned to delegate.

"It also has helped me to realize that this is the Lord's work and the best way to do it is His way," Braden says.

Rachel Jamieson agrees, saying she has learned a great deal from being a member of the Mesa Central Stake's University Ward and from serving in callings there.

"I'm much more appreciative of the leadership of the Church," she says.

Rachel also appreciates the singles with whom she works and worships.

"I enjoy being in a singles ward. It's testimony building and strengthening to be around other good youth. It's hard to find that in society," Sister Jamieson says.

For her, "Serving together is probably one of my favorite aspects of being in a singles ward. Where else are you going to find 200, 20-somethings weeding someone's garden?" she says. "To be among youth who are looking toward the same goal, serving in the same gospel, provides strength for us that is not always available elsewhere."

Richard Duve, a member of the bishopric of the University Ward, says he has seen tremendous dedication among the single adults.

"They do everything in the ward, except sign temple recommends," he says, adding that in ad-

dition to willingly serving in callings, the singles readily volunteer to go to the cannery, participate in taking down Christmas lights at the temple, and participate in a number of service projects.

Sharon Varga, of the University 3rd Ward, says, "There's a ton of good stuff to be involved with."

Mike Hill, of the University 2nd Ward, believes, "What you put into a singles ward is what you're going to get out of it."

Mike adds, "I've grown a ton here, and I don't think I could have done that anywhere else."

Brother Hill, who serves as the Institute Council President, says the Institute provides excellent opportunities for gospel learning and activities. He says the Tempe University Stake and the Tempe Institute work closely together.

President Barney encourages singles to get involved, either in the Tempe University Stake or a singles ward in another stake.

He notes, "There are wonderful opportunities with the young single adults to enjoy one another's company, to serve and work together."



Editor's note: For Institute locations, or to sign up for Institute classes online, visit www.lds.org/institutes. The site allows you to sign up to receive e-mail announcements about upcoming young single adult activities. For East Valley young single adult activities, call the Singles Hotline at (480) 668-1437.



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Returning to Scottsdale in March is the "Latter-day Night Fever" Standup Comedy Tour, starring John Moyer and Nathan Smith Jones, known for standup comedic routines and humorous films about all aspects of the Latter-day Saint culture.

John Moyer wrote "The Singles Ward," based on his own life experiences as a single member of the Church. John also is a screenwriter for "The RM," (2003) and "The Home Teachers" (2004) and the creator and director of "Mobsters & Mormons," a fish-out-of-water tale about a member of the Italian-American mafia placed in the federal

Witness Protection Program and relocated into an LDS community in Utah.

Nathan Smith Jones is a writer, actor and director of "The Work and the Story," an "LDS documentary style comedy," in which Richard Dutcher, who pioneered "Mormon Cinema" with his film "God's Army," is missing and presumed dead.

"Latter-day Night Fever" will be March 16, 17, and 19 at Theater 168, located in the Papago Plaza at 7117 E. McDowell Road in Scottsdale. For tickets and information, call (480) 423-0120 or go to www.theater168.com.

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his own plan to use Franz's energy to make Coppelia come to life. Confusion ensues as he and Franz believe the doll has actually come to life.

The Theatre Ballet group, known for its stunning technique and artistry, originates in BYU's Department of Dance. It is one of the largest university dance programs in America, with over 380 students enrolled in ballet classes in the 2006 fall semester.

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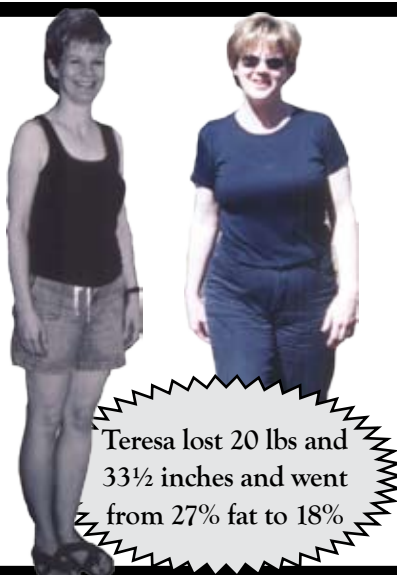
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TV star's "Black Cloud"

*sheds light on Native American's
personal challenges*

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Actor Rick Schroder says that even though "Positive results in my life testify to me that I'm doing the right thing," the decision to join the LDS Church six years ago didn't come easily.

Brother Schroder was introduced to the Church by his wife, Andrea, who had been raised LDS.

"We met in 1990 while I was making a Western. I was 20, she was 18," Rick says. He adds, "We were married 10 years before I joined the Church."

"Everyone has had to fight for

something," he continues. "I've had to fight for my testimony, for faith and overcoming self."

In his latest role, Rick will be in a much different type of fight, as he will be fighting crime and terrorism as a Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) agent in season six of the Emmy-award winning television show "24."

No newcomer to television, Rick debuted in his first television commercial as a toddler, by age seven he had appeared in more than 60 commercials. At 9 years of age, Rick broke

into film acting, with a role in "The Champ." He later starred as Ricky Stratton on the popular NBC sitcom "Silver Spoons."

Brother Schroder is also well known for his 1989 role in the acclaimed CBS miniseries "Lonesome Dove," and for his three-year run in the ABC drama "NYPD Blue."

Although he will again be carrying a gun and fighting crime as "one of the good guys," Rick says this new role, that of CTU agent Mike Doyle, has an important difference.

"It's a much more mature and fully developed character," says Rick, but one he feels comfortable playing.

"I'm very comfortable with it," he says. "I've been doing this a long time."

Rick and Andrea and their four children live part-time in the Scottsdale North Stake area, but now spend most of the time in the Los Angeles area, where they are members of the Long Beach Stake.

Rick, who will first appear in episode 13, had filmed four episodes before the season premiered in January and was scheduled to film two more.

He says he had previously worked with some of the cast and crew members of "24," and he's enjoyed meeting and working alongside Kiefer Suther-

land (Jack Bauer).

"He's been very nice, very welcoming and gracious," Rick says. "It's been a pleasure to work with him."

Along with filming "24," Rick also is writing a rodeo film and working on a movie about Steve McQueen. "Black Cloud," the full-length feature film Brother Schroder wrote, directed and produced, was recently released on video.

"Black Cloud" tells the story of a Native American boxer facing personal challenges as he comes to terms with his heritage while trying to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic boxing team.

Rated PG-13 for violence and language, "Black Cloud" may not be appropriate for young children as it has what Brother Schroder calls "some heart and soul, and some grit to it."

Brother Schroder, who has other projects in the works, says he is hoping to partner with interested individuals.

"I'm looking for partners to help make movies," he says.

Editor's note: For more information about Rick Schroder, visit rick-schroder.com. For air times for season six of "24," visit the official "24" Web site at: www.fox.com/24/

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100 YEAR-OLD PIONEER shares HISTORY of EAST "TREASURE" VALLEY



Photo courtesy of Alice Sliger

More than 300 well-wishers attended an open house for Alice Sliger's 100th birthday. "It was just remarkable to have all those people come to greet me," she says.

By Jill B. Adair
The Beehive

One key to the early growth of the East Valley were the warm, healing baths of the Buckhorn Mineral Baths and the community involvement of the now 100-year-old pioneer woman who, with her husband, founded the baths nearly 70 years ago.

The well-known landmark is all the more impressive when you know the woman behind it all.

Alice O'Barr Sliger turned 100 on Christmas Eve 2006. At an open house at the Alta Mesa Ward, more than 300 well wishers paid tribute to the woman

who credits her longevity to "hard work and an interest in everything."

Alice's parents joined the Church in Arkansas and came to Arizona to farm. When Alice was young, her parents sold their Chandler homestead and traveled for nearly six weeks to be

sealed in the St. George Temple.

After returning to the Valley, Alice graduated from Mesa High School and Tempe State Teachers College (now ASU) and may well be the oldest living

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graduate of both schools. She met her husband, Ted, while teaching at the old Alma School in Mesa.

Their couple's first venture, a trading post and service station on rented property, ended with a fire on Christmas Eve, 1935. Ted, a taxidermist, lost all his work except a buck head that was on loan to a local store for display.

The Sligers bought 160 acres on what would later become Main Street and Recker Road and rebuilt, naming the new place after the surviving animal; thus, the "Buckhorn" was born.

The Sligers worked hard. Alice made cactus candy, sold Indian novelties; Ted did taxidermy work. Together they hauled water until they had saved enough money to drill a well.

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Enthusiastic about the possibilities, the Sligers made a choice—and opened Buckhorn Mineral Baths in 1939. The site also housed a wildlife museum, showcasing Ted's work with 400 preserved specimens of birds, ani-



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mals and reptiles native to Arizona.

People came from all over for the healing power of the mineral baths and enjoyed the "old west" charm of the Sligers' business, home and motel.

In 1947, Horace Stoneham, president of the New York Giants (later San Francisco Giants), looking for winter training quarters, discovered the baths, and saw them and the Phoenix area as a great place to get his team in condition.

For the next 25 years baseball players and their families would stay at the motel, soak in the hot water, and enjoy Swedish massages and cowboy barbecues.

The Sligers' involvement has been credited as being instrumental in establishing the Valley as a premier spot for baseball spring training and the Cactus League.

For more than 60 years, the Buckhorn functioned as a nationally known hydrotherapy mineral spa, and served as a Greyhound bus depot and post office for many years as well.

The Sligers sold part of their property for Dreamland Villa and gave some for parts of Recker Road and University Drive.

Ted passed away in 1984 and Alice, unable to continue running the baths, closed operations in 1999.

Though Ted was not LDS, Alice says he was always supportive as she remained active in the Church and raised their two children—Ted and Marilyn—in the gospel.

In his later years Ted suffered ill health from diabetes and told a home teacher he was ready to be baptized when he was feeling better. He passed away soon after, but his temple work was later done and Alice was sealed to him in 1986.

The Buckhorn Baths Motel, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005, is currently for sale.

Sister Sliger still lives on the remaining 15 acres and thinks fondly of the place that has been her long-time home and has done so much for so many.

"I've seen many people come out of there, feeling better, or not having to use a cane for their arthritis," she says.

Sister Sliger hopes someone purchases and reopens the baths instead of putting asphalt over the extraordinary spring that not only brought healing effects to many people but helped the East Valley economy to blossom.

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Keeping the MORMON BATTALION memory alive

By Stephanie Abney
The Beehive

After setting up camp and feasting on a Dutch oven dinner, a group of LDS Boy Scouts gather around the campfire, as, out of the darkness, men appear dressed in frontier attire, one carrying an 1816 Harper's Ferry black powder muzzle loader. The Scouts are

mesmerized as the members of the Arizona Company of the U.S. Mormon Battalion share tales of adventure and hardship during the longest infantry march in U.S. history from 1846-1848.

These reenactments are frequently held on the Mormon Battalion Trail

near Maricopa at the campsite known as "Christmas Camp."

Today, the Mormon Battalion serves to preserve the memories and teach others about the promises Brigham Young made to Battalion members years ago.

When U.S. President James K. Polk

called for 500 Mormon men to assist the Army in the war with Mexico, Brigham Young asked the Saints to volunteer. The prophet promised the Battalion members that if they would live the gospel, despite the battles all around them, they would never have to fire a shot at a fellow human being. He told them they would do a great service for their fellowmen and the Church and that they would never be forgotten.

The Saints at Council Bluffs, Iowa Territory had few supplies and many were in poor health; yet, the men accepted the call, left their loved ones and marched more than 2,000 miles to San Diego (then Mexico), opening up new transportation routes in and out of California and helping settlers and Native Americans along the way.

Each man was given a \$42 uniform allowance, which they turned over to the prophet to be used to care for the Saints and to finance their trek west. It was largely because of this sacrifice that Brigham Young was able to bring the members to the Salt Lake Valley. The recruits found their frontier clothing soon wore out. Many were barefoot by the time they reached Christmas Camp.

Today, Mormon Battalion members conduct the reenactments for Scouts, family reunions, father-son outings, stake treks and other group activities. They also do presentations at Eagle Courts of Honor. Each Scout who goes out on the Mormon Battalion trail and fulfills certain requirements qualifies to have a buffalo neckerchief slide presented to him at his Court of Honor.

To learn more or schedule a presentation, contact Jim Abney at 480-830-8080 or jimabney@cox.net.

Membership in the Battalion is open to anyone who is interested in history and would like to work with Scouts and within the community to preserve memories and honor the Mormon Battalion. To join, individuals do not need to have ancestors who were in the Battalion.

For membership information, contact Owen Garner at 480-830-6129 or owen@strongdesigns.com.



Photo by Keith Hatch

Scouts from the Alta Mesa Stake participate in one of many such reenactments as Mormon Battalion members, including (l to r) Royce Hatch, Owen Garner and Curtis Standage, shares stories of commitment and explain the promises made to the early Saints who joined Battalion.

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Duty to God project provides TOYS FOR TOTS




Photo by Cyndee Harding

Loric Harding, 18, of the Peoria Stake, spearheaded an "extra-mile" effort for his Duty to God project, gathering 19 boxes of toys which he then donated to the pediatric units at John C. Lincoln Hospital.

By Rebecca S. McCormick
The Beehive

One young man went the second mile, or the second box, and third, and fourth... In fact, Loric Harding, 18, of the Sahuaro Ranch Ward in the Peoria Stake, collected a total of 19 boxes of new toys, all of which were donated to the pediatric unit of the John C. Lincoln Hospital in Deer Valley just before Christmas.

The hospital needs new toys to give children when they check in to "Mendy's Place," the name for the pediatric emergency room, or to the inpatient care center known as Kid Zone. To ensure the patients' safety, toys donated to the hospital must be new, since used toys are difficult to sterilize.

Linda Llewellyn, the director of volunteer services, explains, "The need for toys is greater in the winter months because it is back to school, flu and cold season and the number of patients increases." She adds, at Christmastime 'Mendy's Place' is busy because doctor's offices have fewer hours."

When one of his friends who had collected toys for the hospital last year told Loric about his experience, Loric called the hospital and talked to Linda.

"She said the toys from last year were gone and they would like more," Loric explains.

Loric decided to make collecting toys for the hospital his Duty to God project, and quickly began talking to countless people about donating toys. "I announced it at church, seminary,

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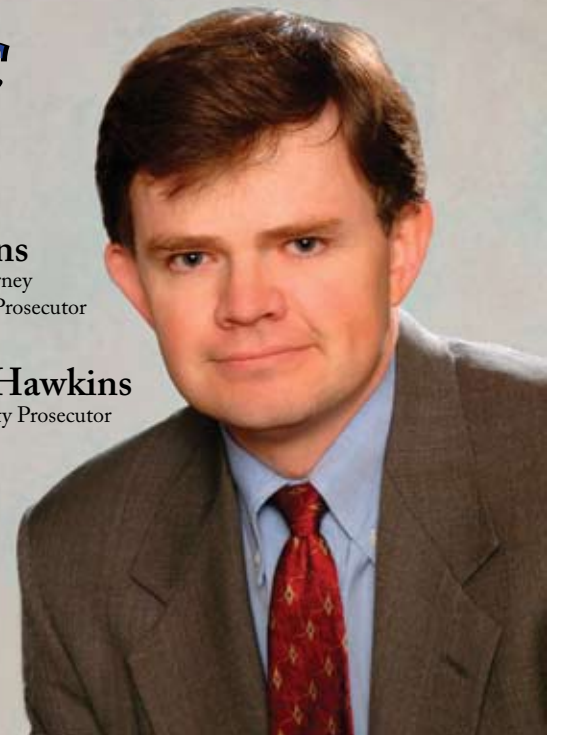
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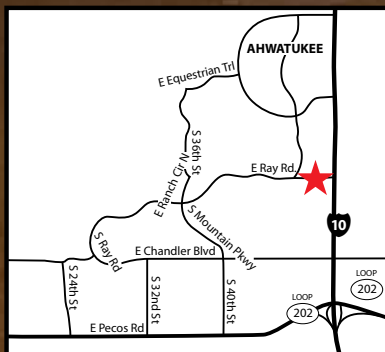
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and to friends," he explains.

Loric visited several wards to explain his project. He also posted flyers and circulated sign up sheets so he could later contact those who showed interest in donating. To make it easy for people to contribute, Loric also accepted cash donations, then did the toy shopping himself.

By the time Loric had collected, shopped and organized, he had a total of 685 new toys. There was "anything from toddlers' rattles to board games, action figures, books, magic tricks, and even trading cards," Loric says.

Next, Loric painstakingly sorted the toys.

He shares, "They were broken down into age groups: toddler and infant, three to five, six to nine, 10 and 11, and 12 and above."

After all of the toys were organized Loric and his father delivered the toys to the hospital.

"It was amazing," Linda says. "We knew it was for [Loric's] church community service project, but we were expecting a normal encounter, but then they said they had 19 boxes! It was just amazing."



Family Leader Network launching efforts in Arizona

Founded by Scot and Maurine Proctor, publishers of the online LDS magazine Meridian Magazine, the Family Leader Network seeks "to advance a new vision and a fresh commitment to renewing our culture and to promote measures in our legislatures, courts and communities designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society."

The organization's web site, www.familyleader.net states, "We Educate, Organize, Mobilize and Defend. That means we keep up-to-date on every issue, trend, legislation and legal case that affects family, faith and freedom."

The non-denominational group is launching coordinated efforts in every state.

"I will be heading up the State of Arizona for the Family Leader Network and am looking for contacts

who would be interested in helping me in small ways," says Michele Baer, a member of the Mesa Mountain View Stake.

She notes, "We are not competing with other family organizations, but actually are helping people in Washington, D.C. understand how many of us care about the family when they see another organized group standing up for these issues."

Michele says anyone can help by passing along e-mails, telling friends about coming issues, and in other simple ways.

She says as we move into the future, "We will be facing issues that will threaten our religious freedoms and expression...and will greatly affect our lives."

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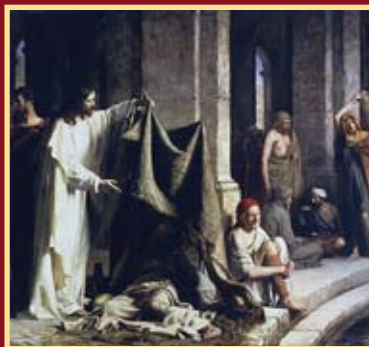
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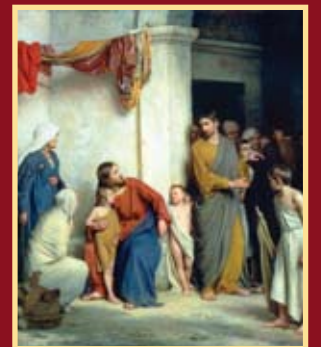
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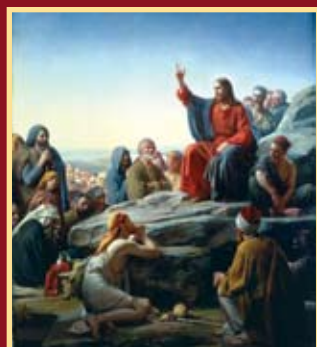
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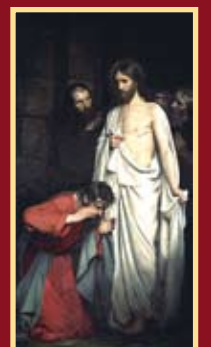
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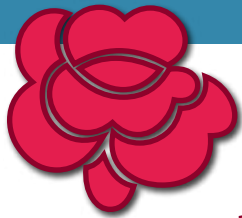
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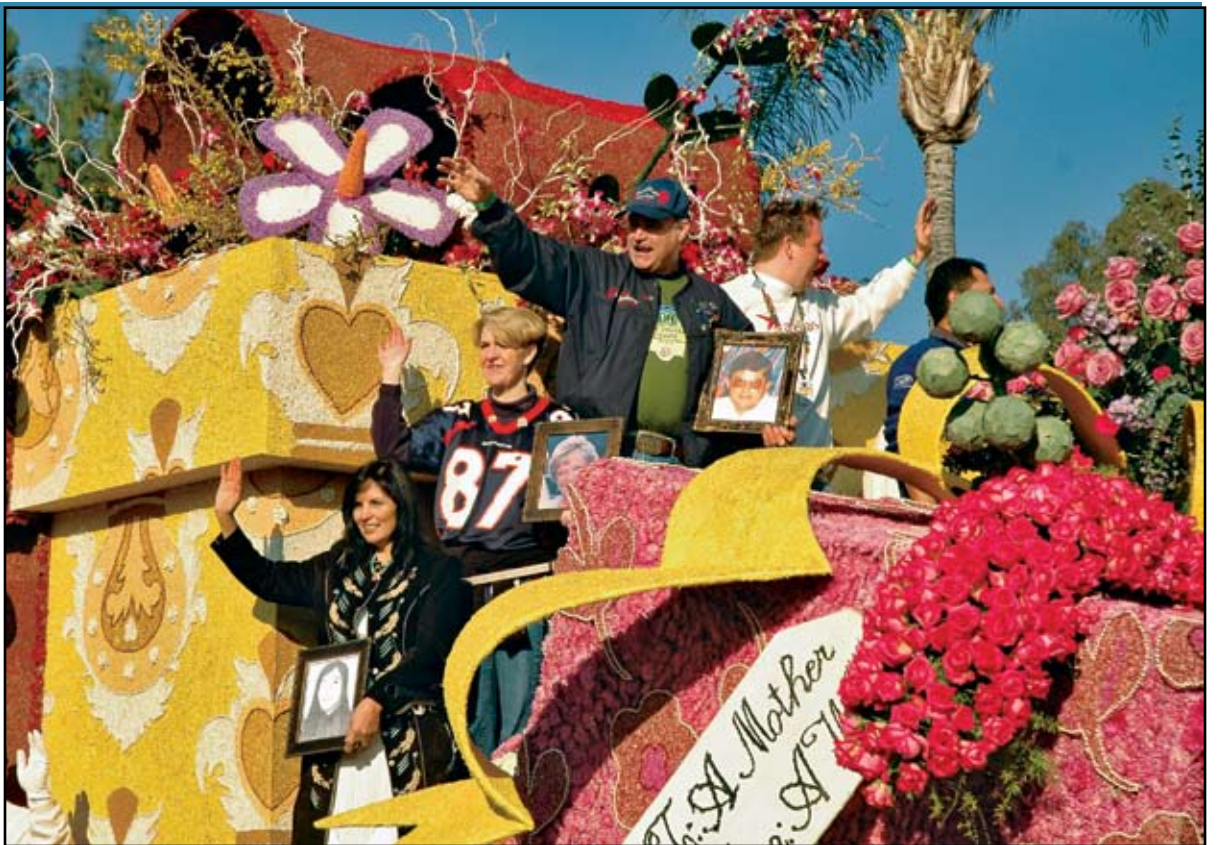


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In memory of her brother, and to raise awareness about organ donation, Camille Nighthorse (front), rides on the Donate Life float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day.

By Valerie Ipson
The Beehive

The 2007 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, became yet another step for Camille Nighthorse in her quest to educate others about the value of organ donation, as she participated as a rider

on the Donate Life float.

An impromptu decision made after the untimely death her brother, Wabeyuma Walker, set her on her course. Wabby, as he was known, tragically died from stab wounds received while wait-

ing at a California bus stop in 2004.

When the doctor explained that her brother was brain dead, Camille's first words were, "How do we donate his organs?" She had not discussed the issue with her mother or previously given it

any thought herself. Camille immediately felt it was her brother speaking his wishes through her.

At her brother's passing, Sister

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By Cecily Markland
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This year, their second winter season in Arizona, The Duttons have filled their schedule with performances in Queen Creek, Apache Junction, Higley and Mesa. They also performed at the Mesa Temple Garden Christmas Lights.

"That was quite the honor. I hope we'll be invited back," Judith says.

The popularity of Duttons' shows stems from their versatility and high energy, as well as their unique showmanship. Their shows include a wide range of music—from bluegrass to classical, and even some rock and roll—and a variety of instruments—including violin, mandolin, guitar, banjo, keyboard, harmonica and drums. In fact, each of the family members plays at least six different instruments, with up to 50 instruments being featured in each of their shows.

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The show includes three generations, beginning with Dean and Sheila Dutton. All six of their children, four of their children's spouses, and all of their grandchildren appear in the show. Counting the two additional spouses who work behind the scenes, 29 family members are involved in the show.

According to Judith, singing and working together has been a great blessing for their family.

"It's kept the family together and working toward a common goal," she says, adding that there is a noticeable unselfishness and "a common goal of being a great show, rather than great individually."

Joshua Dutton, the main drummer, agrees.

"We all feel like we have something unique and all of us are committed to it. We are able to accomplish so much more together than we could individually," Joshua says.

The result, he says, is an interesting attraction to The Duttons and their show.

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we're a family. The symbol of the family is special, and because of that, people put us on a pedestal," Joshua says.

"We're not perfect, but we still like each other at the end of the day," Judith adds.

She says the family is intent on making the business run smoothly and producing a product people will appreciate and that will touch lives.

"We want them to take home a good memory, a feeling of more love," she says.

According to Judith, the family's Arizona tour has been a fun experience, and has been interesting, to say the least.

"My father-in-law [Dean] is currently the bishop of one of the Branson Wards," she says. "Every couple, or three weeks, he flies back to Branson on Sunday."

"He lives on his e-mail," she continues, "does interviews over the phone and has the assistance of very fine counselors."

Judith says the family has appreciated being "adopted in" to the Arizona wards they are attending temporarily. They look forward to returning again in 2008.

Editor's note: The Duttons will perform at the Mesa Arts Center on March 4, 7, 10 and 11 and at the Higley Center for the Arts March 18, 21, 25, 28 and 31. To make reservations, call 480-840-MUSIC (6874). The Duttons' CDs and DVDs are available for purchase and complete details about upcoming concerts may be found on their Web site at: www.theduttons.com.

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Nighthorse, a member of the Cave Creek Ward, Scottsdale North Stake, believes she felt Wabby's spirit.

"I felt his excitement," she says. "As hard as it was for us to lose him, I couldn't feel bad for him."

Camille says the decision to donate her brother's heart saved the life of a Los Angeles man. She sees her brother as a hero.

Another miracle came out of the tragedy, Camille adds, explaining that a business associate named Neal stepped up to support the family, even driving Sister Nighthorse and her mother from Phoenix to Los Angeles to be with Wabby before he died. Camille and Neal were later married.

Sister Nighthorse's invitation to join the Rose Parade came after she attended a conference for donors and recipients held at UCLA. She met a representative of One Legacy, a donor network in California, who was intrigued with her brother's story. One Legacy contacted the Donor Network of Arizona asking Camille to represent Arizona on their float.

Sister Nighthorse says the best way to become an official organ donor is through organizations such as the Donor Network of Arizona (www.DonateLifeAZ.org).

A member of the Hualapai Tribe, Sister Nighthorse sees an urgent need for organ donation, particularly in the Native American population. It is estimated that, nationwide, 17 people die every day waiting for organ transplants; while among Native Americans the statistics are much higher. For Native Americans the greatest need is for liver and kidney donations.

Sister Nighthorse's wish to meet the recipient of her brother's heart was fulfilled in November, 2005, when she and her mother met meet Julio Jara, a former native of Ecuador. She describes it as an emotional meeting. They hugged and cried, and Jara, at one point, even referred to Camille's mother as "mom."

"I felt my brother's spirit again," Camille says, "the same as at the hospital when he died."

Sister Nighthorse was pleased to learn that the heart donation had not only given the man life, but had changed his attitude as well.

"Julio said he was more patient and loving since the transplant. He believed in God."

Camille and her mother take comfort knowing another person's life has been changed for the better.

"It helps you so much through the healing process," she says. "It's a tragedy, but you can have good come of it."

Editor's note: For additional information about becoming an organ donor, check the Donor Network of Arizona Web site at www.DonateLifeAZ.org or call 1-800-943-6667.

Church Works to Eradicate Measles in Africa

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is seeing success from its partnership with several organizations — including UNICEF and the American Red Cross — to help eradicate measles in Africa.

UNICEF announced last week

that the combined efforts of several organizations have led to a 60 percent drop in deaths since 1999. UNICEF representative Edward Hoekstra told National Public Radio that this percentage translates into 1,000 children a day who do not die from measles.

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When Secretary of Health Mike Leavitt suggested to a reporter that people should start to store food under their beds for emergencies, the national press jumped on the comment, including comedian Jay Leno's quip, "Secretary of Health Mike Leavitt says we should prepare for a pandemic by putting tuna fish and powdered milk under our beds. Tuna fish and powdered milk? I'd rather have the flu."

New Thinking

This is most people's perception of food storage, choosing not to be prepared over having to eat food they would never consider in their regular diet. In fact, a recent study by Brigham Young University found that many consider the idea of having to live off their food storage almost as concerning as a natural disaster itself.

"The complex world in which we live no longer allows us to hope that someone will come to our rescue in the event of an emergency. We must prepare in some degree for ourselves," said Dave Litchfield, of Inn on the Creek Foods.

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In an effort to provide an emergency food storage option that has both storage

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"Most people are completely horrified at the thought of grinding wheat to survive. They want easy-to-prepare, tasty meals comparable to what they are getting at



that creates a virtually impenetrable barrier from all outside elements, including excess oxygen, has allowed Inn on the Creek Foods to develop food items that offer taste as well as extended shelf life.

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the store now," said Litchfield. "I recommend people look in their pantries to see how long the food they eat on a daily basis lasts. Most pantry items last less than one year. Rather than modifying your diet in a time of need, the ARK allows your family comparable meal options with the added benefit of up to a 15-year shelf life."

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"Just a note to let you know how fabulous your new Ark is. All you need to do is taste the difference. To say it's far superior is an understatement. I did a small demo of your product to a group, and even though many of them have what they feel is their year supply, most wanted to not only order for themselves, but their family members as well. This speaks volumes on the quality of the ARK! Can't wait for you to come out with a 72 hour version as well."

Great product! - Bonnie Larson, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Salt Lake City, UT

LDS mom gets “Sweet Start” for the new year

By Molly Marks
The Beehive

Like many people do every January 1st, Abby Kobel started the new year resolving that, this year, she would lose weight. Since her past attempts to shed unwanted pounds had yielded only minimal results, Abby was intrigued when she heard a commercial on television for a weight loss challenge called “Sweet Start.”

Abby thought the “Sweet Start” challenge may be the answer to finally getting rid of the weight she still carried from being pregnant with her

daughter, who is now one.

Abby immediately mailed in an application along with a “before” picture. Six weeks later, she received a phone call informing her that out of nearly 500 applicants she had been selected for Channel 3’s Sweet Start Club. The 12-week challenge includes the help of both a personal trainer and a nutritionist.

Abby says her family is extremely supportive of her decision to partici-



Photo by Adam Kobel

Abby Kobel, of the Surprise Stake (shown here with her one-year-old) looks forward to a “Sweet Start,” as she was chosen from among 500 applicants to participate in Channel 3’s weight loss challenge.

pate..

She says her husband recently sat down to a meal of brown rice and vegetables with her.

“He hated every bite, but he still ate it,” she says.

Abby hopes that some of her new eating habits will rub off on her family.

“It’s much more difficult to get children adjusted to a new way of eating, but it’s definitely worth it.”

Sister Kobel adds that the hardest thing for her so far has been cutting out sugar.

She encourages others to follow steps to be healthy and to lose weight.

“Food should be your friend,” Abby says. “Eating five to six small meals a day, as the program directs, may seem like a lot, but it keeps your metabolism going.”

Abby adds, “You need to be accountable to someone whether it’s a personal trainer, nutritionist, family member, or friend.”

Abby’s progress and that of the other participants, along with ideas and tips from Abby’s trainer and nutritionist, can be viewed at www.mysweet-connection.com.

Sister Kobel hopes to reward herself and celebrate her triumph after the challenge by going on a cruise with her husband. Yet, she wants another reward even more.

“I just want to be a better me” she says.



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Apache Junction **woman** shares her *Love* of humanitarian service

By Rachel Faas Trim
The Beehive

When Diana Celeste hears about a humanitarian need, she quickly organizes a group of volunteers to work together.

"I love getting projects organized and finding people to help out," she says. "There is something everyone can do."

Sister Celeste is known by many in her ward, the Meridian Ward in the Apache Junction Stake, as the woman who brings supplies each Sunday to swap with volunteers.

In her service, Sister Celeste has focused particularly on reaching out to grieving families who have lost a baby during a pregnancy. Throughout the years, she has worked with several hospitals in and out of Arizona to crochet burial gowns for babies. Recently, she added Chandler Regional Hospital (CRH) to her list.

"I love to crochet," Diana says. "I've been doing it all of my life. I like

to keep my hands busy."

The burial gowns she crochets are a size that typically fits a baby that dies around 16 weeks into pregnancy. When a family loses a baby, the nurses dress the baby in a crocheted gown, baby bonnet, and baby blanket. Then, items are preserved for the family in a beautifully sewn Memory Envelope. Many hospitals nationwide provide this service, thanks to skilled volunteers who lovingly create the gowns.

Diana's co-workers also have noticed her enthusiasm for volunteer work. As a full-time flight attendant for Southwest Airlines, she crochets as she waits for flights and, in flight, after passengers have been served and she has a short break. Little by little, enough gowns are completed for the hospital each month.

"One thing I've observed," Diana says, "is that many people want to help, but just don't know where to start. If



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As a way to serve, Diana Celeste, of Apache Junction, crochets burial clothing to help ease the suffering of families who have lost a baby in pregnancy and makes crocheted doll clothing for the Church's Humanitarian center.

you see a need, jump in and ask what you can do. My favorite Web site is www.bevscountrycottage.com. This site specializes in sharing information about volunteering and provides links to charities that can use crochet, knitting, and sewing skills."

A favorite quote by President Howard W. Hunter inspires Diana to think beyond her own needs. President Howard said, "The touchstone of compassion is a measure of our discipleship. It seems to me that perhaps the best advice I can give to those who want to help is to begin. Don't wait for an assignment. Don't wait to be told what and where and how. Begin. There is work enough to do, and as we become anxiously engaged in this good cause and help others of our own free will, it will bring to pass much righteousness, our lives will be richer, and through our example others will be lifted and prompted to

lift those around them."

"I'm so proud of the work the men and women are doing in my own ward to help the CRH and the local humanitarian office of our Church," Diana says. "In the last five months, Meridian Ward members have completed numerous projects including crocheted hats, Christmas stockings and doll dresses, sewn quilts and Memory Envelopes, and school bag kits, to name a few. I feel so blessed to be a part of this. I am amazed to see what it means to the many volunteers I know. It means so much to me. This is a worthwhile use of our time."

Editor's Note: To reach Diana Celeste for ideas on how you can help in your area, e-mail her at: dianalynnceleste@yahoo.com, with "Humanitarian" in the subject line.

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BYU-Idaho looks to Arizona for intern opportunities

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Students at Brigham Young University-Idaho have a need, and the Phoenix area has been asked to help supply the solution.

In a recent visit to Arizona, BYU-Idaho President Kim B. Clark, along with Internship Director Guy Hollingsworth, explained the university's interest in Arizona.

Brother Hollingsworth explained, "The intern program is a requirement at BYU-Idaho." As such, Phoenix has been pinpointed as one of 15 "hub cities" where the university hopes to place more student interns.

The BYU-Idaho Web site notes that, "Academic internships are a valuable and integral component of a BYU-Idaho education. In most cases, an academic internship is a required element of both associate and bachelor degree-seeking students."

Last year 3,000 BYU-Idaho students participated in internships in 49 states and 31 different countries. They worked in 200 Fortune 500 companies and in a host of mid-size and small companies.

"Our intention is to prepare students for work, nor for grad school," Brother Hollingsworth explains.

The BYU-Idaho internship program is a win-win opportunity for students and the companies they work with. The benefits for the companies stem from the fact that students at BYU-Idaho are not only schooled in academics, but also are taught to have strength of character, says President Clark.

"As things in the world get grayer, we need more people who have integrity and are willing to act on it," President Clark says. He adds, "The role of the university is to educate and teach students about these issues and help them develop the integrity they need to operate in a very gray world. Most universities, long ago, abandoned the idea that higher education should have as one of its roles the development of character."

President Clark continues, "The mission of BYU-Idaho, really, is to develop 'disciple leaders.' We see a need in every organization, every home, every family, every ward and every work group," to have leaders who live the principles of the gospel.

He says student interns often "stick out like sore thumbs" because they are "humble, honest, work hard and are well trained."

In addition, interns are typically "short-term hires," which means employers are not expected to provide benefits or long-term contracts. Taking on an intern also allows employers to "test drive" future employees. If an intern fits well in the organization, the employer can consider hiring him or her in the future.

Internships typically last 16 weeks; and interns are available during winter (January through April), summer (May through August) and fall (September through December) semesters.

Employers typically pay interns an hourly wage. Guidelines suggest that the interns work a

minimum of 20 hours a week, but 40 hours a week is preferred.

According to Brother Hollingsworth, "Phoenix is a city of interest to our students because of the weather, the opportunities and everything across the board." He adds, "We had a very successful trip to Phoenix. We made contact and really advanced opportunities on many fronts. We think [Phoenix is] going to be a great area where we can have on-going interns every semester and really have a presence."

Brother Hollingsworth says the university would like to talk to anyone who is in a position to take on a BYU-Idaho intern or who knows of the appropriate contacts within an organization.

Brother Hollingsworth says information is available online at www.byui.edu/careerservices/internships. He can be e-mailed at hollingsworthg@byui.edu or, to reach the Internship Office, e-mail internships@byui.edu or call (208) 496-2290 or (208) 496 2181.

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NEW Technology Center honors past Eastern Arizona College president

By Tina Scott
The Beehive

Wayne M. McGrath was a family man, with a wife and six children, known for his integrity, his leadership and his positive attitude. Wayne dedicated 23 years of his life to Eastern Arizona College, helping the school grow and improve. Now, in his honor, the EAC's new technology center bears his name.

The Wayne M. McGrath High Technology Center houses some of the most advanced educational technology available, including five computer labs, satellite TV, a teaching station with Internet access

for the instructor, and 24 computer workstations. It also serves as a wireless "hotspot," bringing Internet service to students with laptop computers.

Wayne began his career at EAC as a basketball coach in 1960, and took a position as director of continuing education in 1968. He continued to be promoted, never having to apply for any positions. His work ethic and commitment were his resume. Wayne became president of EAC in 1976, serving in that capacity until 1983.

Brother McGrath's easy nature, good rapport with students, and insistence on outstanding faculty, helped make EAC a good place to teach and to learn. He was instrumental in enlarging the curriculum; and, under his tutelage, EAC began offering dual credit programs at local high schools. Also, with the help of others, he helped save the college from financial crisis in the 1970s by providing important changes to a bill passed by the state legislature.

The new technology center that bears his name is housed in what was previously the administration building. That building, the only one constructed during Wayne's tenure as president, replaced the building where President Spencer W. Kimball had gone to college, which had been destroyed by fire.

Brother McGrath passed away October 9, 2005, before knowing that the new center would bear his name.

"He was not one that would be pushing to have his name on anything," says his wife, Barbara, "but he would be pleased."

The building opened in fall 2005 and was formally dedicated in August 2006.

Barbara explains, "We decided on the 29th of August because that was our 50th wedding anniversary."

All six of the McGrath's children and many of their extended family attended the event.



Photo courtesy of Barbara McGrath

Recently honored by having a building on the Eastern Arizona College campus named after him, Wayne McGrath was known for his 23 years of service to the school as well as his willingness to fulfill Church callings, including (as pictured here) serving a mission in St. Louis with his wife, Barbara.

"It was a wonderful experience," says Barbara, adding that she continues to be comforted by letters she has received from past colleagues and students since the building's dedication.

"They write, saying how pleased they are that it happened, and how much he helped them," she says. "Malcolm Carter, who played basketball for Wayne, kind of pushed it. He felt like something needed to be done [to honor Wayne]."

After leaving EAC, Brother McGrath's influence extended across the state. He moved to Mesa to assume the post of State Community College Director. In this capacity, he worked with the state community college board and helped with funding and creating new bills to benefit community colleges statewide.

"We did not ever plan to leave Thatcher, but this was an opportunity, and an honor for him to be considered," says Barbara.

After moving to Mesa, Brother McGrath served as a counselor in the stake presidency under David Udall. Later, he was called as a mission president in St. Louis Missouri.

"It was a wonderful experience," remembers Sister McGrath. "St. Louis is great, and they were the best three years of our life practically."

After Wayne became ill, they moved closer to their son and his wife.

"They had triplets and needed help, so we helped them and they helped us," Barbara says. Sister McGrath still resides in the Power Ranch 2nd Ward, San Tan Stake.

"We had a wonderful life and we had our 50 years," says Sister McGrath. "We had a great run for our money."

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World War II nurse gets the ride of her life



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For Charlotte Wiehrdt's 90th birthday, her grandchildren paid tribute to her and her service as an air evac nurse in WWII by treating her to a ride in a B-25.

By Cecily Markland
 The Beehive

Charlotte Wiehrdt was born January 8, 1917, in Hunt, Arizona, a town that, still today, is not even on the map. In her 90 years, Charlotte has traveled to nearly every corner of the world, and created a legacy her grandchildren saw fit to celebrate by giving her a birthday gift ride in a B-25 airplane.

Charlotte, who was an air evacuation nurse during World War II, says the ride was meaningful for a number of reasons.

"I always give my grandchildren a flying lesson for their high school graduation," Sister Wiehrdt explains.

So, their gift to her was not only reminiscent of that, but was also a tribute to Sister Wiehrdt.

"I guess I did live a pretty interesting life," says Charlotte, a member of the Fairway Groves Ward.

At 17, Charlotte enrolled in the nursing program at St. Joseph's Hospital and, after graduation, ran the surgery unit for two years at the Miami Inspiration Hospital. There, she met and married Paul Hendricks; but, sadly, Paul passed away a year later. A couple of months after Paul's passing, the entire world was reeling with the beginning of World War II.

"When I heard they bombed Pearl Harbor, I signed up the very next day," Sister Wiehrdt shares.

Charlotte spent a year and a half at Luke Air Force Base, where she took flying lessons and met Leonard Wiehrdt. After receiving special training as an air evacuation nurse, and just 10 days before leaving for an assignment in Africa, she and Leon-

ard were married.

"From there, we would fly up to Sicily to the front lines as soon as they had laid a runway down and pick up the wounded near the front lines and fly them back to Africa," Sister Wiehrdt explains. "We took 1,000 out of Anzio the first day fighting began there."

Her birthday ride reminded her of many other memories of airplanes and, specifically the B-25.

"Leonard was a test pilot, so he tested all these jets," she says.

Charlotte says her husband, who was the squadron commander, named his plane the Charlotte W.

In addition, "Leonard and I had been shot down in [a B-25], right after we'd gone into France," she explains.

During her recent 40-minute flight, "They let me sit up behind the pilot," Sister Wiehrdt says. "It felt like I was right back in there."

After WWII, Leonard remained in the service, and Charlotte retired to start a family. The couple had six children, all girls. Leonard's service took the family from Germany to Vietnam and Bangkok and other places around the world.

Today, several family members have followed in Leonard's footsteps.

"One is an Air Force judge advocate in Virginia; a granddaughter is a recruiter for the Army in Phoenix," Charlotte shares. "All are doing their duty, and it's nice."

Charlotte, who now has 36 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, says, "I'm still able to take

care of myself and drive and everything." Besides, she still owes a few more grandchildren a ride in a B-25 when they graduate.



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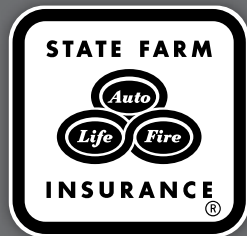
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Bakery to help Bulgarian orphanage moves one step closer to reality



Photo courtesy Deborah Dushku Gardner

A baker in Bulgaria displays some of the traditional pastries he will be hired to bake once renovations are completed on a bakery supported in part by an Arizona woman to help One Heart Bulgaria in their work with Bulgarian orphanages.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

A bakery in Bulgaria is a small step closer to completion, thanks largely to Faun Childers.

As reported in the November 2006 edition of The Beehive, Sister Childers of the Ironwood Ward, Apache Junction Stake, set out to earn money for a bakery as her way of assisting One Heart Bulgaria, a humanitarian organization dedicated to improving the lives of children in Bulgarian orphanages.

According to co-founder Deborah Dushku Gardner, the money has been raised to purchase the building and they are working to obtain permits, plan the program and hire someone to oversee it. Deborah, who says the process can be challenging in the post-Communist country, will be

going to Bulgaria in March to help move things forward.

She says extensive renovations are needed on the building that will include the bakery as well as apartments for the workers.

"The cost to renovate the building will be \$30,000. We didn't think the building was in that bad of disrepair," Sister Gardner says.

The organization is seeking additional donations as well as volunteer contractors or construction workers who would go to Bulgaria this summer.

To contact Faun Childers, e-mail faundearl@yahoo.com. For information about One Heart Bulgaria, visit www.oneheart-bg.org, e-mail Deborah.gardner@oneheart-bg.org, or call 435-764-3093.



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Employment Specialist, Wally Jacobs, provides both information and training to assist families with various aspects of finances and budgeting. The workshop is offered on the second Thursday of each month in Gilbert, or, according to Brother Jacobs, it can also be

scheduled to be presented in other areas as an enrichment night or ward activity. For more information about the Family Finance Workshop, contact Brother Jacobs by calling 480-715-8437 or e-mailing Wallace.jacobs@yahoo.com.

The Savior's Healing Power portrayed in humanitarian fireside and art display

In January, two special firesides presented "The Healing Power of the Savior," in music and art and in an explanation of a humanitarian outreach to the leprosy colonies in India.

On display were eight sculptures by Angela Johnson, depicting the Savior's miracles. Also shown was her life-size portrayal of the Savior, called "Come Unto Me," which is now part of the official collection of the Church and will soon be displayed in the Conference Center in Salt Lake.

Musical numbers by Angela and Jordan Bluth served as a backdrop for the presentation by Becky Douglas, president of Rising Star Outreach (RSO). Becky shared details about the work being done and the success they are realizing in helping people in India who are affected by leprosy.

In addition to providing funds for food, bandages and some medical treatment, RSO has a micro-lending program, which teaches people how to pool their resources and find ways to start businesses. RSO has also started agricultural training and husbandry training programs and a school for children of leprosy patients.

According to the RSO literature, "There are so many ways, large and small, to help us in our efforts to relieve the suffering of the children and outcasts of India." To learn more, log on to www.risingstaroutreach.org or e-mail Becky.Douglas@bellsouth.net.

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Continuing their family's tradition, for the sixth year, the Allen family, (shown l to r) Matthew, 10; Jacob, 13; Jenna, 9; Bethany, 11; Robert; Sarah, 4; and Norine, will participate in the Mesa Easter Pageant, with Robert playing the role of Jesus Christ for the third time in this, the 70th year of the Pageant.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Robert Allen, a member of the Desert Wells Ward in the Queen Creek East Stake, who portrays the role of Jesus Christ

in the Mesa Arizona Easter Pageant, says, “My desire is not that they will see me, but

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*He prepares all
year long; yet, when he
steps out on stage, he hopes
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that, through me and my desires to do it well, they'll more clearly see Him."

This year, the sixth he and his family will participate in the Easter Pageant, is the third time Robert has been cast in the role of Christ.

"It has weighed heavily on me at times, as I have considered what it would take to be like Him, or act like Him, so people would feel His spirit," he says. He adds, "It reminds me through the whole year that I have to follow His example in everything I do, especially with my family."

Brother Allen adds, "The temptation could be to do it well, so as to be seen as 'good' at it." Yet Robert's greatest desire is not to appear "good" himself, but to have people recognize the goodness of the Savior he portrays.

He says it has been an inspiring experience.

"I have had the experience of being caught in the middle. I have felt their love for Him and His for them," he says. "I have learned that His capacity to love is far greater than ours, far greater than we can comprehend."

The Mesa Arizona Easter Pageant, "Jesus the Christ," presents Christ's life,

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ministry, and mission through music, dance, and drama. Now in its 70th year, it is the world's largest annual outdoor Easter Pageant, with a cast of 400 people and 400 more participating as production staff. First held as a choral sunrise service atop a wooden cotton wagon, the Pageant has evolved into a full-scale, professional theater production, with a 9,600 square-foot stage,

towering four-stories high.

"It is not a passion play focusing on the crucifixion, rather a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ," explains Pageant Director Nanci Wudel.

She says people familiar with the performance will notice some changes this year.

"We are very excited about this year's Easter Pageant, especially with some changes which are wonderful," Sister Wudel says. "You will see some substantial changes in choreography, as well as in other areas."

"In addition," Sister Wudel adds, "we are so blessed again to have many talented actors with us, including Doug Shumway, who will portray the part of Christ for our Spanish performances. Doug is an incredible person and a skilled actor. And, of course, Robert Allen is back to portray Christ in our English performances. You will want to invite everyone you know to this year's Easter Pageant."

The 65-minute Pageant, held north of the Mesa Arizona Temple Visitors' Center at 525 Main Street, begins Tuesday, March 27, with a public-invited dress rehearsal, performed in English at

7 p.m., and Spanish at 8:30 p.m.

English performances will be Wednesday, March 28; Thursday, March 29; and Tuesday through Saturday, April 3 through 7; and Spanish performances will be performed Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31. All performances begin promptly at 8 p.m.

Parking is available on surrounding streets, in the unpaved lot west of Pioneer Park, and behind Dairy Queen on Main Street.

Metal chairs and bleacher seating is strictly first-come, first-served; or audience members may bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit on any available grass space.

While no general reserved seating is available, on March 28 through 31, seats may be reserved on the day of the performance only, on a limited basis. "Reserving large blocks of 100 to 200 seats is not appropriate," say Pageant organizers.

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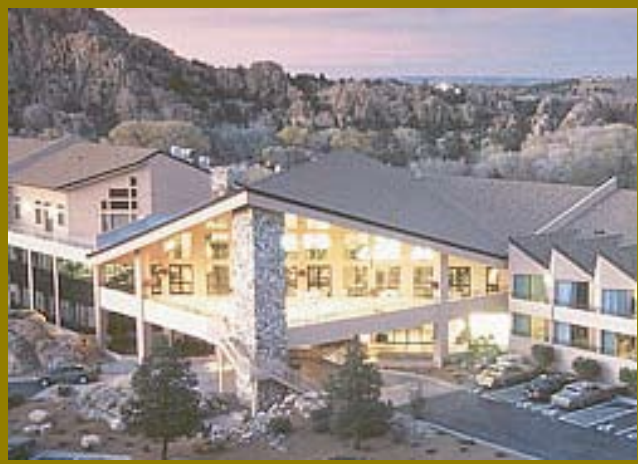
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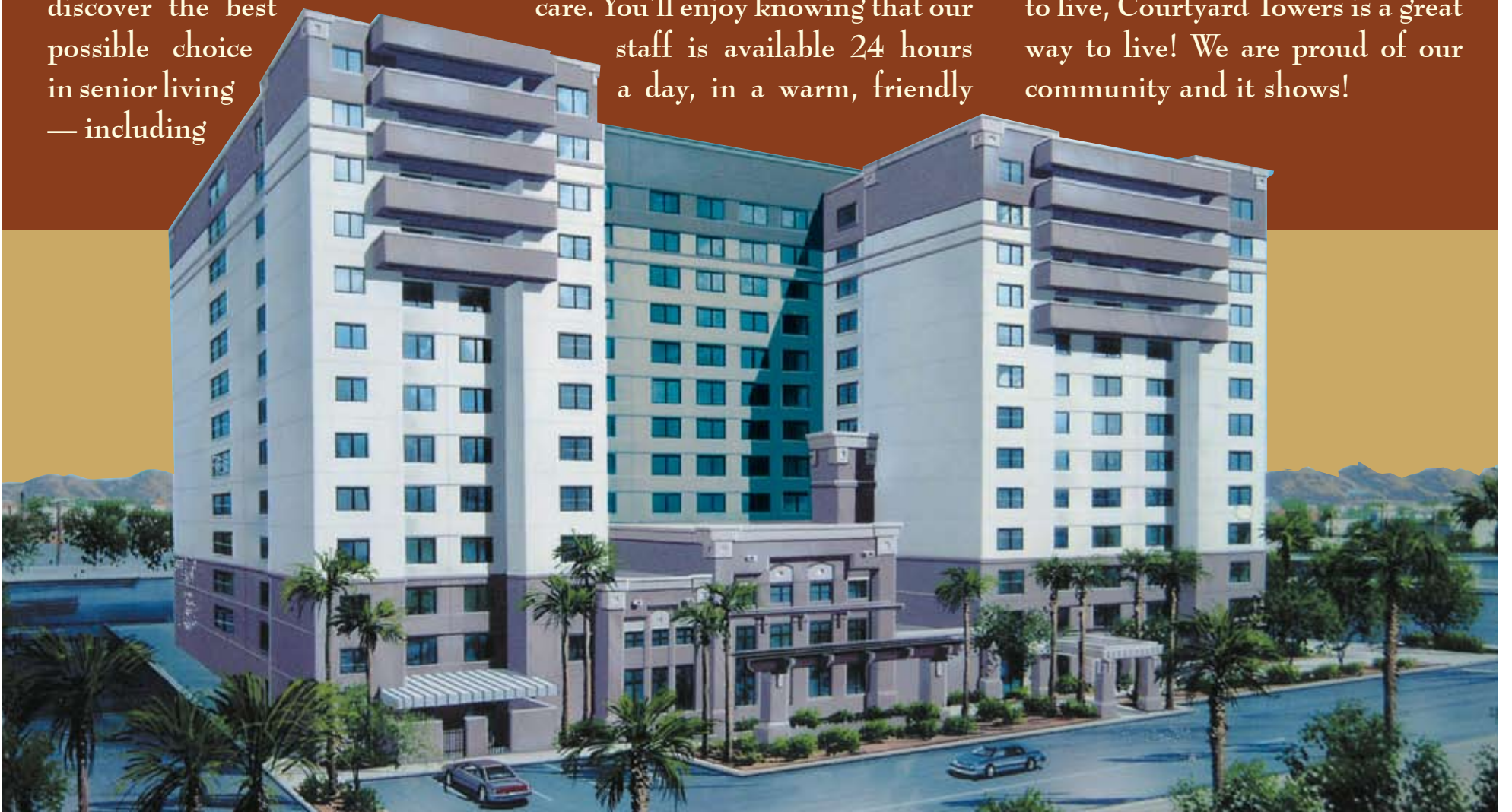
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